



Barrington's Substance Abuse Task Force Drug Free Community Coalition

Barrington High School
200 Lincoln Avenue
January 4, 2016 at 8:45 am.

Goals of Meeting: Committee plans and actions
Update from state level agency

Minutes

Presentation Dan Fitzgerald, RI Department of Behavioral Health

Brought update from new position:

- Dan was hired by SAMSHA-2-year position
- He has a community coalition background, working with Chariho
- BHDDH funds community coalitions through several sources-RISAPA, MOD, PFS
- RISAPA will be restructuring with new coalition model, RFI is out
- Contract technical support is with RI Prevention Resource Center
- Dan also reported that the Rhode Island Student Survey should be ready; schools can choose a date

State level update

RISAPA-There was a meeting of all coalitions to discuss the restructuring/RFI on 12/26/15. Several communities will be putting in the same plan.

Tobacco Grant-We, representatives from the towns of Barrington, Bristol, Warren, and East Providence will be meeting with the grant manager from Department of Health in mid-January to review the deliverables. Key elements to this grant are forming a 4-town youth council, carrying out the STARS (tobacco surveillance), Kick butts/Zombie Walk, and an event centered around the Bristol 4th of July celebration.

OSPA – The public health impact of marijuana letter went to the Director of the Department of Health. They are waiting to get feedback.

Committee Reports

Parenting- The parenting committee is in the process of creating the winter newsletter. Dena Davis of Arts Alive has offered to have us hand them out for the ½ prior to each of her upcoming productions. That is 16 performances! We will need volunteers to help make this

successful. We have begun a partnership with Bayside YMCA, look at ways we can work together. They will be hosting their first Midnight Mayhem on 1/16 from 9-11pm for ages 12-17. The community school is also hosting several events: Skiing at Okemo 1/18, Skiing at Mt. Snow 2/8, and 5 Witts 4/26. The committee is chaired by Martha Donovan msdonovan19@gmail.com. **The next meeting is 1/13/16 at 4:30 pm at the YMCA**

Marijuana – The 3rd tool kit card should be in mailboxes this week. These have been very well received. People like the postcard presentation-easy, concise, good information. We have developed a letter of support for the school to adhere to the police. Joanne Royley has scheduled our first meeting with John Morello on 1/12 at 2:15 to begin the comic book project. We discussed in more detail videotaping different experts on certain topics that could be shown since people aren't always available. There was a list of topics and potential people to present on each topic. The school improvement team has decided to move forward with a stress survey from the program called "Challenge Success". The BAY Team has found funding within a grant for this survey. **The next meeting is 1/5/16 at 10:00 am in the BAY Team conference room.** This committee is chaired by Susan Freel safreel1120@gmail.com.

Policy- The 12/14 meeting had to be rescheduled. **The next meeting will be held on 1/12/16 at Barrington Police.** Anyone interested is invited to attend. It is chaired by Claudia Gordon Cjgordon3@aol.com

BAY Youth/CHOICE-BAY Youth is meeting to finalize the new billboard to replace the one leaving the back parking lot of the high school. It will be a no texting and driving message in emojis. They would like something more durable to last. We are also hoping to eventually have a second billboard based on the outcomes from the John Morello project. Discussion was held of making it a changeable board like the booster board.

BCA – Thinkfast was very well received. The kids were engaged. There were about 70 youth present. They will be having Tiffany Dawn on 1/5. She does a presentation around healthy relationships, eating disorders, etc. She plays piano and sings as part of her presentation. Youth can text her questions during the presentation. BCA will also host a winter ball, 2 ½ day high school retreat at the end of January, and had a color war the week before Christmas for each grade.

Any Other Business:

No other business to report.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 1/25/16 at 8:45am in the BHS Library. This will be in place of the February meeting as Kristen and Denise will be at CADCA.